



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

April 25, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
AWARD FROM THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION FOR
COUNTYWIDE AQUATICS "SUMMER SWIM 2006" PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to accept a grant in the amount of \$96,448.62, from the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAF) for the Summer Swim 2006 Program and to execute the grant agreements in the current and future fiscal years, in the amounts consistent with those approved in the Department's adopted operating budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will authorize the Department to accept grants from the AAF and to execute grant agreements in future fiscal years, in amounts consistent with those approved in the Department's Annual Operating Budget for the Countywide Summer Swim Program. The grant will not exceed \$96,448.62 for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Each year, the Department operates swimming pools during the summer, providing swim instruction, recreational, and competitive swim opportunities to the residents of Los Angeles County. The AAF provides funds for aquatics programming activities throughout Los Angeles County, and has partnered with the Department since 1987 in support of the Summer Swim Program. The funding provided through this grant program will be used to offset costs for existing program staff, participant awards, staff uniforms, and necessary program equipment. Program components include supervised competitive swim, competitive diving, and synchronized swim and water polo with special emphasis on improving the overall physical well-being, stamina and watermanship of participants through conditioning sessions and inter-pool competitions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The authorization to accept this grant enhances Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships. In addition, the funding requested from the AAF Grant Program will provide the Department with fiscal resources necessary to enhance and improve programming at various parks.

Furthermore, this continued commitment on improving the lives of children in families supports Children and Families' Well-Being (Goal 5) through effective coordination and collaboration with community stakeholders as well as Improving the Quality of Life for the Residents of Los Angeles' County unincorporated communities (Goal 6) by offering aquatic services responsive to the communities needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Consistent with the Department's Annual Budget Request, the AAF funding provided through this grant program will offset costs for program staff, swimming pools, program operations and events, including awards, equipment and staff shirts and hats for the Summer Swim 2006 Program Open Meet and Synchronized Open Meet. The Department requested sufficient appropriation for the subject program expenses and budgeted an equal amount of revenue in its FY 2006-07 Budget Request, reducing the Department's Net County Cost by \$96,500.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department will be required to operate the Summer Swim 2006 Program in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the AAF agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

The program offers novice swimmers the opportunity to participate in specialized instruction to develop competitive swimming and diving skills, and participate in synchronized swimming and water polo. Additionally, youth are offered the opportunity to participate in individual competitive meets and team competition. The program benefits these youth because individual instruction is offered at no-charge, whereas in other municipalities specialized instruction usually involves participant fees. The availability of this program greatly enhances the County's current competitive swim and dive program, and generates greater participant interest and exposure to the competitive aquatic sport of water polo and synchronized swimming for those youths who may not have available resources to participate in such aquatics programs.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that two (2) conformed copies of this letter be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", written in a cursive style.

Russ Guiney
Director

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

